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State of Illinois, ss.
County of Cook.
Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Julius F. Taylor, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the publisher and owner of the The Broad Ax and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations.

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JULIUS F. TAYLOR,
Editor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of April, 1916.

VIOLETTE N. ANDERSON,
Notary Public.

(My commission expires August, 1916.)

NATIONAL NEWS NOTES.

Brief Bits of News and Comment
On Men and Women.

Washington, D. C.—For the benefit of delegates soon to be sent to the Republican national convention at Chicago, it may be well to recall that, in 1912, Justice Charles E. Hughes said: "The Supreme Court must not be dragged into politics, and no man is as essential to his country's well-being as is the unstained integrity of the courts." Since this is the kind of statement that is not conditioned by time limits, it is one to be reckoned with now. The Republicans of New York City who once tried to induce Mr. Hughes to be a candidate for mayor, against his will, found that he could not be coerced by so framing the issue that his refusal would make difficulties for them. This sort of tactics traps many men, but evidently not this jurist.

CARDINAL GIBBONS SPEAKS.

Baltimore, Md.—While a strong advocate of Temperance and Local Option, Cardinal Gibbons today in emphatic terms declared his opposition to the State-wide prohibition bill pending in the Legislature. The Cardinal made his position clear to a delegation of business men who called upon him.

"Gladly, gentlemen, will I give you my views," he said. "I am strongly opposed to any State-wide prohibition bill passed by the Legislature, because I believe that such a law is impossible of enforcement in a city the size of Baltimore and its environs. Such being the case, a law of this kind interferes with personal liberty and rights and creates hypocrisy in the people."

"The history of the world down to the present time demonstrates the fact that people always have indulged and always will indulge in the use of intoxicating liquors. Further, I am opposed to the passage of such a law because it would deprive the State of a large revenue without accomplishing results, and that, too, at a time when both the city and State are very much in need of the revenue produced."

"However, I am heartily in favor of temperance and whenever it is my pleasure to confirm a class of boys, I always exact from them the pledge to abstain from the use of intoxicants until they become of age. I am a firm believer in local option, and whenever a majority of the citizens of a county or any portion of the State want to vote on the question of local option, their wishes should be gratified. I do not hesitate to say that I contributed in no small measure to the suppression of the sale of intoxicants in St. Mary's County. In this case I was satisfied that the local circumstances demanded it."

"Furthermore, it is true that the use of wines and liquors is often abused and leads to lamentable results. This I have observed from a long observation in the ministry, yet the best commodities are liable to abuse. What is more harmless, for instance, than the tongue? We all know the social and domestic joy and utility derived from constant conversation, and yet the bad use of the tongue daily leads to lying and misrepresentation, to quarrels and slander, to bloodshed and often even to murder."

"It is a favorite practice of some friends of prohibition to charge their opponents with being subsidized by the liquor interests. That is a most grievous charge and often without the slightest foundation. But, would we be justified in putting a padlock on our mouths because of the occasional misuse of the tongue? We should regulate the use of intoxicants as we would regulate the use of our tongues, by proper safeguards and restraints."

WHERE THE NEGRO DECIDES.

" * * * My father was a co-worker with William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and others of that period, so I was brought up in belief in the possibilities of the Colored people, who seem to me a remarkable race in their capabilities. What other race has accomplished so much with such handicaps?"

Such is the confidence of one of the good friends of our race who gives unselfishly of her resources not only to help Tuskegee Institute, but to help many other Colored schools. We quote from this particular letter because it is typical of that sympathy for us which exists among many white people, North and South. It is that innate feeling of sympathy and long-suffering which the righteous strong bears towards the helpless and striving weak.

All along the line of the forward march of our race, there will be tests of various sorts; tests of courage, of patriotism, of patience, of race loyalty, of race solidarity and countless other tests of varying shades and differences. In these tests, the race is always "on trial" before the public opinion and hesitating or doubting friends are quick to express the belief that we cannot measure up to the requirements. Doubters will challenge and scoffers deride, but always the Negro must decide in these tests.

The Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund in which the Colored people have been asked to contribute for the erection of a permanent monument to Dr. Washington and to perpetuate the work which he founded, is a test imposed upon the race by circumstances and conditions. It is a test of loyalty to the race's biggest single organization and a test of appreciation for the service unselfishly rendered by the race's most noted educator and organizer.

One cannot read the following editorial remarks from the New Bedford (Massachusetts) Evening Standard without appreciating the significance of the statement above that the white people of the country regard this campaign among our people as a test of our sense of loyalty. It is as follows: " * * * But perhaps the best part of the whole scheme is that which proposes that the Colored people of this country shall contribute an eighth part of this amount. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is the portion of the fund that the people of Washington's race and of the race that is directly benefiting by the maintenance of the school are especially asked to provide. The appeal puts the matter in exactly the right way—that 'quite properly, the trustees have felt that the 'bedrock' of interest in this effort must rest with the Colored people."

"It is an inspiring movement to contemplate this of the Negroes broadcast throughout the country contributing to the cause of education as a tribute to the member of their race that did a great work in the cause. Nothing could bring it nearer their own hearts or strengthen their desire for its full development than sacrificing something of their own pleasure or even of comfort for some measure of its fulfillment at Tuskegee."

Another significant statement on this subject comes from a Southern white man whose letter was published in the last issue of The Student. This letter was from a County Judge in Texas who had been requested to send the names of Colored school teachers in his county. We repeat his brief letter here:

"We have no Negro schools here. There is not a Colored man, woman or child in my county. I herewith enclose my personal check for One Dollar to put into the great cause that you represent. Booker T. Washington was a great man and should never be forgotten by your race."

Here are white people, the one in Massachusetts, the other in Texas; though they may have differences of opinion and traditions, yet in this one big test for our race, they are saving

to the Negro, "Go thou and do thy duty."—Editorial, The Tuskegee Student, April 11, 1916.

"HELP KEEP CHICAGO CLEAN."

The above slogan again appears in the form of the "Annual Clean-up Week". The first week in May has been set apart for the yearly housecleaning period for Chicago and the hearty co-operation of every man, woman, and child is necessary if this week shall be made one of profit to the City at large.

The City Hall again heralds the cry "Remember Clean-up Week" and Mr. A. W. Miller, Superintendent of Streets, feels that the citizens will respond as never before.

Chicago has not met with success along this line as have the other large cities, and whether this is due to a lack of pride, or carelessness, is difficult to say. It may be that the City has not made its campaign with the flourish and blaze that is necessary to arouse the interest and co-operation of its people. In the last few years the Bureau of Streets has made wonderful advances in methods and appearance of its street cleaning force. Modern apparatus and uniformed men now take the place of the old equipment, and all of this will be paraded through the Loop District in order to start off "Clean-up Week" with a vim.

The Bureau of Streets fervently requests that you—

Clean up your yards and vacant lots.
Plant seeds, start gardens and grass plots.

Burn dead weeds and leaves in some safe place, but watch the fire and don't leave it to cause trouble.

Paint the old house, barn, fence, etc.

Whitewash that dirty, smelly cellar and discard all old material such as rags and old furniture.

Gather up the old tin cans, for they breed disease and mosquitoes.

The City will cart the rubbish away.

Don't pile the rubbish in streets and alleys. Put it in some convenient place, adjacent to the place of collection. Place it in a receptacle if possible.



MISS MARION H. DRAKE.

One of the most prominent leaders of the Progressive Party in Illinois. On Tuesday, April 11, she was elected Ward Committeeman of the First Ward, and delegate to the Progressive National Convention from the First Congressional District of Illinois.

Don't wait until the last day to begin. Start the first day and plan to do some particular part each day.

Here is a chance for all good citizens to cover themselves and their City with a glory of cleanliness and beauty.

Telephone your friends and ask them to help you.

Join with your neighbor in making your block the cleanest in your district, and try to continue the good work throughout the year.

If you would keep the doctor away, keep your premises clean.

If you wish for a cleaner, healthier, and safer CHICAGO, help your municipality in this much needed work. If this is done you will reap the benefits, which are—

Fewer flies and mosquitoes during the hot days.

Less typhoid and Summer complaints.

Freedom from disgusting odors.

General improvement in appearances, and a valuable advertisement to your property and your City.

So, with the 1st day of May "REMEMBER CLEAN-UP WEEK."

A little of your time, with the aid of soap, water, paint and polish, will make Chicago spick and span.

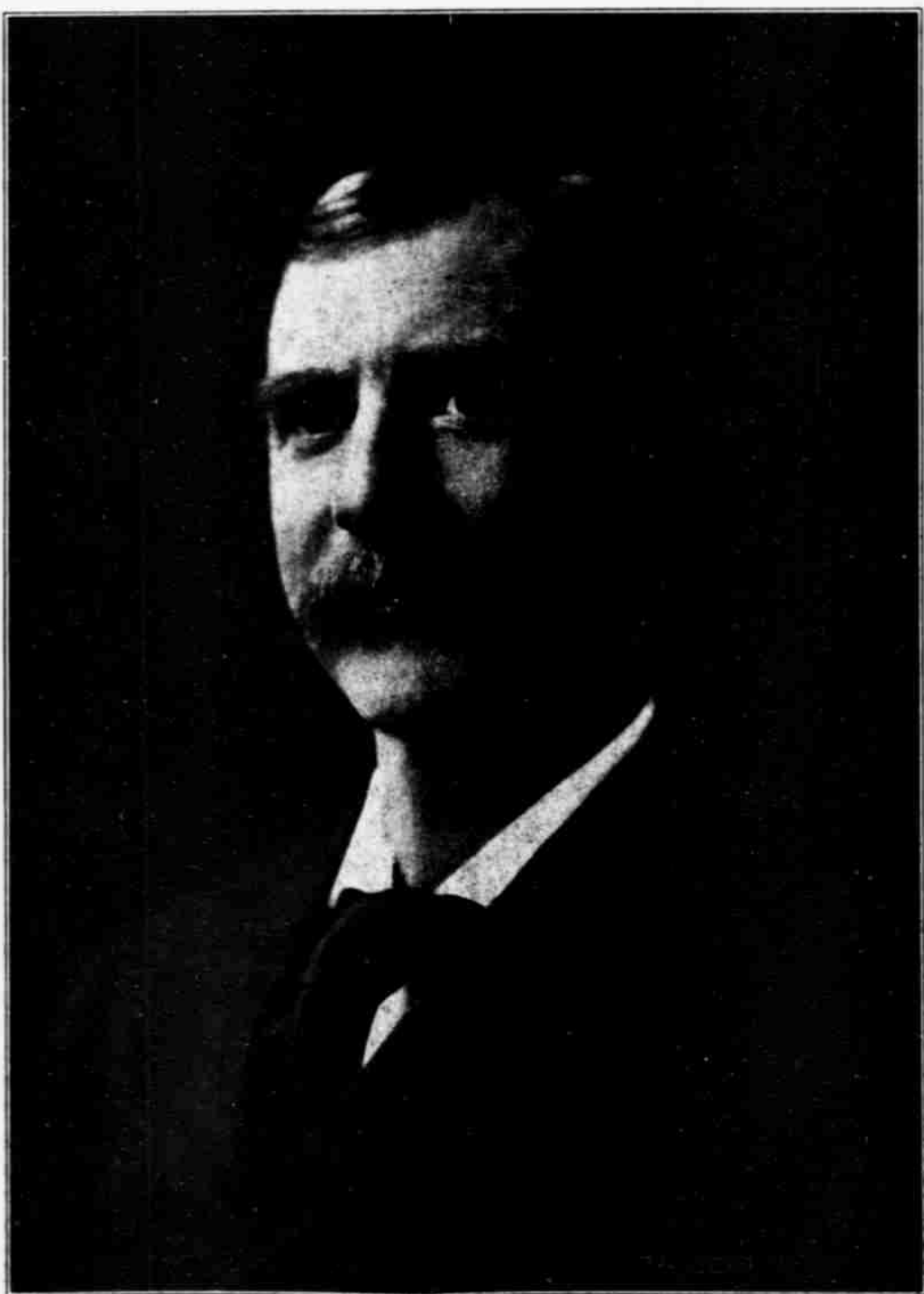
Your hearty co-operation is solicited.

ALPHA SUFFRAGE CLUB.

The Alpha Suffrage Club listened to a report of the reception given by the Illinois Equal Suffrage Association to the visiting suffragists from the east made by Mrs. Barnett, its president who attended this reception in the Tower Building, Tuesday afternoon.

The club also took action on Mrs. Barnett's report of the insult offered to its president at the Women's Civic Meeting held at the Institutional Church last Sunday night. It was voted to send a letter to all the clubs explaining the affair and asking an expression from them. Plans for the parade are going forward at a great rate. Already more than two hundred women have signified their intention marching with the Alpha Suffrage Club.

IDA WELLS BARNETT, President.



HON. WILLIAM H. WEBER

One of the most popular all-around politicians in the State of Illinois who has selected chairman of the Cook County Republican committee

ATTORNEY AUGUSTUS L. WILLIAMS THANKS HIS FRIENDS FOR LOYALLY STANDING BY HIM IN HIS CONTEST FOR DELEGATE TO THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION FROM THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS.

The following letter speaks for itself:

Chicago April 13th, 1916.

Mr. Julius F. Taylor,
6532 St. Lawrence Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—

Please accept my sincere thanks for the support that I got through your paper in the last primary fight for the office of Delegate to the Republican National Convention. Also I would be pleased for you to extend through the columns of your paper my hearty thanks to those two thousand citizens of the First Congressional District mostly white for their courageous effort given me at the polls, and if my people would have been true to themselves and the welfare of the race, there would be no question but what we would have representation in the National Convention from Illinois. You may also say for me that this fight for justice and equality according to the proportion of the vote of which we represent in this particular District has just begun, and in the future I shall ever be at the helm fighting only for justice. Nothing more we shall ask for nor nothing else we will stand for.

Sincerely yours.

AUGUSTUS L. WILLIAMS.

NEGRO FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE.

The Negro Fellowship League will have its program furnished by the Wendell Phillips young men and women Sunday afternoon April 16 at three o'clock. The public is cordially invited to be present and encourage these young people. Among those to make an address will be Miss Bertha Moseley, a brilliant young race woman who is making such splendid use of her talent for the benefit of the young people of our race. Meeting to be held at Reading Room 3005 State St.

Last Sunday a most interesting "Student's Conference" was held at the Reading Room. The splendid discussion by the earnest young people and their parents showed that all felt the need of work among ourselves for our own benefit. Everyone present at this crowded meeting realized that it marked an important crisis in our advancement. It means that the young school boys and girls themselves want to take a hand and that they are going to do so. By their own vote Mrs. Barnett appointed a committee of five to arrange for a permanent organization among themselves. This committee will report Sunday.

JOHN E. HUGHES, Secretary.

ERNEST H. WILLIAMSON, THE ENTERPRISING UNDERTAKER, LATELY BOUGHT A FOUR THOUSAND DOLLAR AUTOMOBILE FUNERAL HEARSE.

Ernest H. Williamson, 5028-5030 S. State street, phone Kenwood 455, recently bought a new automobile funeral hearse, which cost four thousand dollars and it is one of the finest in every way in this city.

L. KRUSE THE UP-TO-DATE LADIES AND GENT'S TAILOR.

Recently L. Kruse opened a ladies and gent's tailor shop at 6456 St. Lawrence avenue. He is also an expert in cleaning, dyeing, pressing and repairing of ladies and gent's garments.

Worked called for and delivered to any part of the city. Suits made to order, good fit and workmanship guaranteed. Phone Englewood, 1346.

THE PHYLLIS WHEATLEY WOMAN'S CLUB WILL MEET AT THE HOME 3256 RHODES AVE.

Wednesday, April 19, 2:30 P. M. Program—The Value and Responsibility of our Newspapers in the Molding of Public Opinion. Speakers: Mr. Julius F. Taylor, Mr. R. S. Abbott, Mrs. S. B. Turner. Executive Board meeting, 1:30 P. M. Visitors are welcome.

ELIZABETH L. DAVIS, Pres.
IRENE GOINS, Cor. Sec.

CHIPS.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lincoln Hall, have removed from 455 E. 32nd st. to 3749 S. Wabash avenue.

NEGRO ELECTED ALDERMAN OF EAST ST. LOUIS.

East St. Louis, April, Special.—S. B. Wheat, a Negro, was elected alderman from the Second Ward, here today, defeating the candidate on the Taxpayers' Protective Ticket 300 to 94 votes. Wheat's name was not on the ballot.

WHY NOT ELECT A BUSINESS MAN?

Candidate For President Should Have Commercial Training.

GOVERNMENT IS A BUSINESS

Set Back Professional Politicians, Horn Blowing Orators and Briefless Lawyers and Place at the Head of the Biggest Corporation in the World an Experienced Man.

WHY can't we have a business man in the Presidential chair next time, is the query of a prominent New York newspaper.

Government is a BUSINESS, and a BIG BUSINESS.

Seagoing and overland commerce, taxation, tariffs, rate regulation, monopoly regulation, the mails and parcels posts, conservation of resources, development and maintenance of waterways, the huge payrolls of Government employees, the courts of justice, the national revenue collectors and police, the army and navy—what are all these but pure business problems, demanding the same trained and capable business executive direction that any great business concern demands?

What board of directors would think of hiring a professor of Sanskrit to be president of a great railroad?

What huge shipbuilding or engineering concern would select a peripatetic stump orator or a lyceum lecturer to direct its activities?

Big Business Men Needed.

Big business concerns seek big business men with big business brains to be executive chiefs.

Now, here is this big business corporation in which every one of us, big and little, is a stockholder—the United States of America.

It is the BIGGEST BUSINESS CONCERN the world ever saw.

And what do we do every four years by way of selecting a head for this wonderful, gigantic business concern?

Why, we always select a man who has never shown enough business ability to run a one-horse draying concern.

In the fifty years that have elapsed since Abraham Lincoln died not one of the eleven Chief Executives of this colossal business corporation called the United States has had the SLIGHTEST BUSINESS TRAINING or any acquaintance with the complex, varied, ramifying and interrelated problems of finance, production, transportation and world exchange upon which depend the welfare and prosperity of the whole people and of each individual citizen.

Hindrance of Prosperity.

Is it any wonder that our national business is one long series of story of stupid HINDRANCE OF PROSPERITY, stupid depression of commerce and trade, stupid opposition to the forward impulses of business co-operation and consolidation and of wasteful and criminally extravagant expenditure of the people's money to the tune of thousands of millions?

Is it any wonder that we WASTE each year an amount of money that would fortify our coasts, stock our magazines with ammunition, equip our navy properly and SECURE BEYOND ANY POSSIBLE DANGER the safety of our country?

Suppose that just once, by way of experiment, we gently, but firmly and positively, set the whole lot of professional politicians, horn-blowing orators, briefless lawyers, pretty phrase-makers, theoretical schoolmasters and all that sort on a shelf in the back woodshed and put a BIG, BRAINY, CAPABLE, EXPERIENCED BUSINESS MAN, who has done big things well all his life, in the chair of the President of the United States?

What do you think about this, citizens?

For an Idea, Not an Individual.

The views expressed in the above editorial are exactly the views held by THOUSANDS OF INFLUENTIAL BUSINESS MEN throughout the country. As an outgrowth of this sentiment there has been formed an organization called the Business Men's Presidential League, which has for its object the exploitation of an idea instead of an individual. What it seeks to bring about is the nomination of a candidate for president WHO CAN BE ELECTED; also to prevent action next June at Chicago that would be party suicide.

An All Round Business Man.

To win next November the Republican party must DESERVE TO WIN. That means we must have a candidate who first of all merits and commands the confidence of the business men of the nation. Among the prominent men mentioned as candidates who would meet this demand is General Coleman du Pont, of Delaware. Du Pont is distinctly a business man. He has been everything, from a miner, working with a pick and shovel, to the director of one of our greatest industrial corporations. He has built and managed railroads and is a banker and a farmer. In every line his activities have been SIGNALLY SUCCESSFUL, and no man has had a more varied experience to equip him for the Presidency. He is the kind of man who could save to the taxpayers of this country the three hundred million dollars that the late Senator Aldrich said "were wasted annually in running the public business."